prosecutions against companies under sections 62/63, 68 and 628 of the Companies Act, 1956. SEBI has debarred 93 companies and 351 directors under section 11B of the SEBI Act 1992 prohibiting them from associating in any way with the capital market activities.

Ground handling at airports

*22. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of decisions taken by Government private airlines are being allowed to carry on ground handling on airports; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) As per existing Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations 2000, at present in force, all private airlines are permitted to carry on ground handling services at airports on self handling basis.

Action on Tarapore Committee Report

*23. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any follow-up action with regard to the officials indicted by the Tarapore Committee in January, 2002 in the U.T.I. scam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when action is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) After detailed audit, and as recommended by the Tarapore Committee, 19 cases were referred to the Advisory Board for Banking, Commercial and Financial Frauds (ABBCFF); which is a pre-investigative body under the Central Vigilance Commission. As the transactions/investment

decisions commented upon by the Tarapore Committee are essentially capital market related transactions, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is the regulator in this regard. Therefore, the Government, in consultation with SEBI have referred 89 cases for inquiry by them (SEBI).

In addition based on the recommendation of the Tarapore Committee, a departmental enquiry against officials of UTI was conducted, consequentially a former ED indicted, against whom a complaint was then lodged with the CBI. Two additional cases, inquired internally by the UTI, have also been lodged with the CBI.

Height of Sardar Sarovar Project

*24. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI N. R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2148 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the decision to raise the height of the Sardar Sarovar Project from 95 metres to 100 metres will cause submerging vast area of inhabited land;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of people likely to be affected;

(c) the details of rehabilitation provided, so far, giving State-wise details;

(d) whether the rehabilitation process has not been completed so far; and

(e) whether the NCA decision violates the Supreme Court Order and the Narmada Water Disputes Award?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) about 750 hectare of additional area including inhabitated land would come under submergence due to raising the height of Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) from 95.0 metre(m) to 100.0m.